

Information for Release		10/31/2011
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Date of the notification to CPS: 9/9/2011

Near Fatality

The date the child suffered the near fatality: 9/8/2011

Child's name: Malik

Age at time of incident: 2 Months

Perpetrator(s): Maurice Beckett

Age: 19

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): At the time of the incident, the child and perpetrator were living in Phoenix.

A. Circumstances of the fatality or near fatality that indicate it was the result of abuse or neglect:

On or around Sept. 9, 2011, Malik was thought to have a cold so was taken to the hospital by family. The hospital determined that he had a skull fracture and a bucket-handle fracture of his left tibia and fibula. He had bleeding in the brain and was intubated. The injuries were determined to be consistent with non-accidental trauma.

B. Whether CPS has received any reports or past cases of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child and the current alleged abusive or neglectful parent, guardian or custodian* :

CPS has received no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Malik by Maurice Beckett.

1. Actions taken by CPS in response to the fatality or near fatality of the child including:

CPS jointly investigated the allegations with the Phoenix Police Department.

2. Actions taken regarding the child and/or other children in the home:

Following an assessment of child safety, Malik was discharged from the hospital and placed in a licensed foster home.

3. Whether the agency is or intends to provide direct services or service referrals to the family:

The family is being provided with intensive out-of-home services, including intensive parent aide services, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and classes that address the needs of the family.

*Posted information provides whether there have been reports or any current or past cases of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child who has died or suffered a near fatality and the current alleged abusive or neglectful parent, guardian or custodian pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-807(F)(2)(a)(iv).